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HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR SCOTT BUDGET PROPOSAL

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida House Democratic Leader Ron Saunders (D-Key West) issued the following statement in response to Governor Rick Scott's proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13 state budget:

"Governor Scott's budget proposal begins an important conversation in the Florida Legislature about priorities. I am pleased the governor is expressing what members of the Florida House Democratic Caucus have been saying for a long time: Floridians value public education and want it adequately funded.

"I am concerned about some of the governor's recommendations, including what could be potentially harmful cuts to social services and health care programs for Floridians.

"Florida's working families, middle-class taxpayers and small businesses deserve priority attention in Florida's next state budget. House Democrats look forward to working with the governor and our Republican colleagues to improve spending for public education, job creation and investment in infrastructure."

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